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WHITE HOUSE PLS PASS SECRETARY KISSINGER AT CAMP DAVID

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SUBJECT: REUTER ITEM 873, 874, 875

1.FOLLOWING REUTER ITEM TRANSMITTED AT REQUEST OF H. COLLUMS
IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

2. QUOTE: DAR ES SALAAM, AU6US28, REUTER - THE LLADERS
OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE HAVE WELCOMED U.S. EFFORTS
TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA
AND RHODESIA, UNDERSECREARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM
ROGERS SAID TODAY.

MR. ROGERS WAS SPEAKING AFTER HE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM SCHAUFLE MET
PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE FOR A MEETING WHICH OFFICIALS
SAID LASTED ABOUT 90 MINUTES.

MR. ROGERS TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE TALKS AT PRES-
IDENT NYERERE'S HOME ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DAR ES SALAAM
""WERE IN OUR VIEW VERY CLEARLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL.""

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THE TWO OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO HELD TALKS WITH PRESIDENTS KENNETH KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA AND MOBUTU SESE SEKO OF ZAIRE DURING A CURRENT AFRICAN TOUR.

MR ROGERS STATED, ""FROM ALL THREE WE HAVE IN THE FIRST PLACE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO UNDERSTAND THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH THESE LEADERS PLACE ON SOLUTIONS TO THESE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.

""AND SECONDLY THE INTEREST WITH WHICH THEY REGARD THE EFFORT BY THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE SOME POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION WITH RESPECT TO THOSE TWO ISSUES...THEY WELCOMED THE EFFORTS BY THE U.S.""

MR. ROGERS SAID THEY DISCUSSED MAINLY RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND NOT THE PRESENT DISTURBANCES IN SOUTH AFRICA, WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. BUT HE ADDED, ""WE MADE CLEAR OUR DEEP FEELINGS OF SORROW ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN OCCURRING IN SOUTH AFRICA.""

MR. ROGERS SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE PRE EN TOUR WAS " TO CONSULT WITH DIRECTLY-INTERESTED AFRICAN LEADERS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA."" IT WAS A CONTINUATION OF A PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WHICH BEGAN WITH THE AFRICAN TOUR BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK THE TASK OF THE TWO OFFICIALS WAS TO ASSESS WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS WARRANTED A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER, WHO FIRST MET IN JUNE.

ASKED HOW THE THREE LEADERS HAD REACTED TO THIS IDEA, MR. ROGERS SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REPORT TO DR KISSINGER BEFORE ANY COMMENT COULD BE MADE ON THE ISSUE.

ASKED WHETHER HIS PRESENCE AS AN ECONOMIC OFFICIAL MEANT THE IDEA OF GRANTING COMPENSATION TO WHITE RHODESIANS TO PERSUADE THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WAS BEING DISCUSSED.
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HE SAID. (TEXT OMITTED)

ASKED IF THE INCREASED U.S. EFFORT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE AIMED AT ENSURING THAT A MODERATE BLACK GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER IN RHODESIA, MR. ROGERS SAID: ""OUR POSITION IS THAT THE CHARACTER AND QUALITY OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA IS A QUESTION FOR THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES.""

HE SAID THE U.S. WAS INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND NOT IN SHAPING THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION.

ASKED WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT NAMIBIA (SOUTH WEST AFRICA) NOW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEADLINE OF 31 FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD WAS DRAWING NEAR, MR ROGERS SAID; ""THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS IN WHICH WE HOPE THAT THE PROCESS WILL BE CARRIED ON -THAT IS TO SAY THE PROCESS TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF U.N. RESOLUTIONS."" END QUOTE.

3. FYI: UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS HAS LEFT DAR ES SALAAM AND WILL ARRIVE DULLES ON BN 007 AUG 29, 0930 HRS EAGLEBURGER

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